

**Remarks**

A. Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that it is the entire bandage, not just the carrier, which is stretchable and supportive. See the references to the bandage being stretchable at page 6, line 20 and at page 10, line 17. The claim has also been amended to delete the reference to "a continuous two-ply composition" and to clarify that the product formed by bonding the adhesion surfaces of the gel layer and the stretchable carrier layer is the stretchable, supportive bandage.

Minor amendments have been made in Claims 2 and 3.

Claim 4 has been clarified by further describing the loop material as having a flat (i.e., non-loop) surface which acts as the adhesion surface. See the discussion at page 3, lines 15-18 regarding "... applying a surface layer of silicone gel to the flat side (non-loop surface) of a stretchable loop portion of a hook and loop fastener..."

Claim 5 has been clarified by indicating that the closure strip is the hook portion of a hook and loop fastener and that the bandage is removably secured around a part of the body.

B. New Claims

Support for the new claims is as follows:

Claim 28 (additive in gel) – see page 5, lines 8-11

Claims 29 and 34 (sheet or roll) – see page 5, lines 8-11

Claim 30 (silicone gel and stretchable loop portion of a hook and loop fastener) – see page 6, line 20 and page 3, line 10

Claim 31 – (cured polydiorganosiloxane resin) – see page 7, line 5

Claim 32 (additive such as a topical medication or emollient) see page 7, lines 13-16

Claim 33 (elastic modulus of about 50%) – see page 3, lines 10-11

Claim 35 (closure strip) – see Figure 4 and page 9, lines 11-15

Claim 36 (musculo-skeletal support) – see page 4, lines 15-16

Claim 37 (joint or muscle) – see page 2, lines 18-19

Claim 38 (specific joints) see page 10, lines 12-13

Claim 39 (veterinary application) – see page 2, line 21

C. Closing

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter is presented.

Claims 1 to 5 and 28-39 are presented for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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